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Memorandum For: Chief, Logistics Services Branch, OL

Through : Chief, Security Equipment Branch, TSD/OS :

Subject: Availability of Mosler Class-6 Security Files

1. As of 1 July 1975, Mosler Class 6 Security Files will no longer be available under Federal Schedule. A low bid contract for fiscal year 1976 was awarded to Hillside. Mosler anticipates an 11 to 14 percent increase of price starting 1 July 1975, which suggests that any known requirements for Mosler Class 6 files be submitted prior to the end of Fiscal Year '75. A factor for consideration in this respect is that transportation by the car load (47 files) is \$14.00 per file as opposed to \$41.00 per file when procured in smaller quantities.

2. As Fiscal Year 1976 is concerned, any request for Class 6 security files must be directed to Hillside unless there can be provided an appropriate sole source justification. Hillside security file cabinets have proved unsatisfactory in the past on the basis of inspection accomplished with the participation of General Services Administration--primarily a matter of inadequate quality control. Whether a limited purchase of Hillside products for test purposes should be initiated in an effort to ascertain if the units will meet Organization requirements is a matter which we feel should be deferred to the addressees. Timely response to this request for guidance will be appreciated.

Chief, Supply Division, OL

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